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General

Turkey is located in SW Asia, bordering the Black Sea, between Bulgaria and Georgia, and the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea between Greece and Syria.

The climate is temperate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters.

The terrain is mostly mountainous, with narrow coastal plains, and a high central plateau.

Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect.

See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Currency

The official unit of currency is the Turkish lira consisting of 100 kuruş.

Firing Areas

Training and firing exercises are announced at least 3 days prior to the training by Turkish radio stations and stations broadcasting navigational warnings.

Mariners are warned that if a training and firing exercise area, announced by notice, is entered, the responsibility for any damage incurred lies with the ship entering the area.

Firing and Training Areas in the Aegean Sea

Area 61 (Saros Korfezi)

The area E of the line connecting the positions:

40°37'N, 26°04'E (on the coast) and 40°19'N, 26°13'E (Buyukkemikli Burnu Light).

Area 62 (Meric)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

1. 40°37'N, 26°04'E.
2. 40°37'N, 25°58'E.
3. 40°19'N, 25°58'E.
4. 40°19'N, 26°13'E.

Area 63 (Anafarta) (training area)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 40°19'N, 26°13'E.
- b. 40°19'N, 26°03'E.
- c. 40°08'N, 26°03'E.
- d. 40°08'N, 26°13'E.

Area 64 (Mehmetcik)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 40°08'00"N, 26°13'00"E.
- b. 40°08'00"N, 26°03'00"E.
- c. 40°02'30"N, 26°03'00"E.
- d. 40°02'30"N, 26°10'00"E.

Area 65 (Kumkale)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 40°00'N, 26°11'E.
- 40°00'N, 26°00'E.
- 39°53'N, 26°00'E.
- 39°53'N, 26°09'E.

Area 66 (West of Kumkale) (training area)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 40°00'N, 26°00'E.
- 40°00'N, 25°43'E.
- 39°53'N, 25°43'E.
- 39°53'N, 26°00'E.

Area 67 (North Aegean Sea)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 40°15'N, 25°35'E.
- 40°35'N, 24°58'E.
- 40°18'N, 24°43'E.
- 40°09'N, 25°00'E.
- 40°09'N, 25°29'E.

Area 68 (North Aegean Sea)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 40°09'N, 25°00'E.
- 40°18'N, 24°43'E.
- 39°57'N, 24°23'E.
- 39°41'N, 24°35'E.

Area 69 (Ezine)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 39°48'N, 26°08'E.
- 39°48'N, 25°43'E.
- 39°23'N, 25°15'E.
- 39°15'N, 25°38'E.
- 39°29'N, 25°53'E.
- 39°29'N, 26°04'E.

Area 70 (Central Aegean Sea)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 39°15'N, 25°38'E.
- 39°23'N, 25°15'E.
- 39°09'N, 25°08'E.
- 38°56'N, 25°25'E.
- 39°04'N, 25°42'E.

Area 71 (Central Aegean Sea)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 39°06'N, 25°06'E.
- 39°21'N, 24°46'E.
- 39°09'N, 24°32'E.
- 38°54'N, 24°52'E.

Area 72 (Foka)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 38°58'N, 26°48'E.
- 38°51'N, 26°36'E.
- 38°51'N, 26°19'E.
- 38°42'N, 26°19'E.
- 38°40'N, 26°40'E.

Area 73 (Kara Burun)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 38°51'N, 26°19'E.
- 39°00'N, 25°48'E.
- 38°45'N, 25°41'E.
- 38°42'N, 26°19'E.

Area 74 (Uzun Ada) (training area)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 38°40'00"N, 26°44'00"E.
- 38°40'40"N, 26°35'30"E.
- 38°28'00"N, 26°41'00"E.
- 38°28'00"N, 26°50'00"E.

Area 75 (Central Aegean Sea)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 38°45'N, 25°21'E.
- 38°45'N, 24°52'E.
- 38°18'N, 24°52'E.
- 38°18'N, 25°21'E.

Area 76 (Sigacik Korfezi)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 38°07'N, 26°47'E.
- 38°07'N, 26°26'E.
- 37°56'N, 26°37'E.
- 37°56'N, 26°58'E.

Area 77 (Cesme)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 38°07'00"N, 26°26'00"E.
- 38°00'00"N, 25°58'00"E.
- 37°45'30"N, 25°58'00"E.
- 37°56'00"N, 26°37'40"E.

Area 78 (Central Aegean Sea)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 38°00'00"N, 25°58'00"E.
- 38°00'00"N, 25°10'00"E.
- 37°38'30"N, 25°30'00"E.
- 37°45'30"N, 25°58'00"E.

Firing and Training Areas in the Mediterranean Sea**Area 91 (Fethiye)**

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 36°25'N, 29°19'E.
- 36°30'N, 28°34'E.
- 36°00'N, 28°34'E.
- 36°00'N, 29°19'E.

Area 92 (Toros)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- 35°28'N, 28°43'E.
- 35°53'N, 28°21'E.
- 35°20'N, 27°26'E.
- 34°55'N, 27°49'E.

The above areas are activated with advance warning.

Area A-67 (Antalya Korfezi)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 36°42'N, 31°05'E.
- b. 36°37'N, 31°33'E.
- c. 36°32'N, 31°02'E.
- d. 36°26'N, 31°30'E.

Area A-71 (South of Fener Burnu)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 36°19'N, 35°08'E.
- b. 36°19'N, 35°32'E.
- c. 36°04'N, 35°32'E.
- d. 36°04'N, 35°08'E.

Area A-76 (Iskenderun Korfezi)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 36°15'00"N, 35°49'00"E.
- b. 36°15'00"N, 35°32'30"E.
- c. 36°34'30"N, 35°32'00"E.
- d. 36°50'00"N, 35°53'00"E.
- e. 36°35'00"N, 36°08'00"E.

Area A-77 (West of Fener Burnu)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 36°37'N, 35°01'E.
- b. 36°30'N, 35°20'E.
- c. 36°26'N, 35°16'E.
- d. 36°36'N, 34°55'E.

Area A-78 (Kirlangic Burnu)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 36°07'50"N, 30°15'55"E.
- b. 36°17'15"N, 30°21'15"E.
- c. 36°12'00"N, 30°25'00"E.
- d. 36°12'30"N, 30°30'00"E.
- e. 36°07'30"N, 30°30'00"E.

Area A-80 (Marmaris)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 36°50'00"N, 28°27'06"E.
- b. 36°50'00"N, 28°25'33"E.
- c. 36°48'48"N, 28°22'00"E.
- d. 36°41'30"N, 28°22'00"E.
- e. 36°41'30"N, 28°32'30"E.
- f. 36°46'54"N, 28°32'30"E.

Air to Air Firing Ranges**Area LT-D8** (Manavgat)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 36°45'N, 31°09'E.
- b. 36°30'N, 32°00'E.
- c. 36°23'N, 32°00'E.
- d. 36°38'N, 31°09'E.

Area LT-D13 (Mersin Korfezi)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 36°26'N, 35°29'E.
- b. 36°17'N, 35°24'E.
- c. 36°32'N, 34°42'E.
- d. 36°40'N, 34°52'E.

Area LT-D16 (Besadalar)

Enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 36°07'50"N, 30°15'55"E.
- b. 36°17'15"N, 30°21'15"E.
- c. 36°12'00"N, 30°25'00"E.
- d. 36°12'30"N, 30°30'00"E.
- e. 36°07'50"N, 30°30'00"E.

Government

Turkey is a republican parliamentary democracy. The capital is Ankara.

Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Jan. 1, New Year's Day; April 23, National Sovereignty and Children's Day; May 19, Youth and Sports Holiday; Aug. 30, Victory Day; and Oct. 29, Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic.

Sheker Bairam and Courban Bairam are observed religious holidays, the dates of which vary every year.

Industries

The main industries include textiles, food processing, mining, steel, petroleum, construction, lumber, and paper.

Languages

The official language is Turkish. Arabic and Kurdish are also spoken.

Regulations

Special regulations exist for foreign warships entering Turkish waters. These vessels should contact the proper authorities before entering Turkish waters.

Radio communications within Turkish waters are prohibited for foreign warships as well as other foreign vessels. However, if no other means of communication exist, the harbor authority can allow transmissions of short duration relating to the voyage or events on board.

Transmissions to calibrate the apparatus can only be authorized from appropriate coastal stations. Private messages cannot be transmitted. Vessels must abide by the arrangements of the coastal stations for hours and service in order to avoid interference.

In territorial waters vessels can, during their stay in the harbor, communicate only with the nearest Turkish coastal station. However, these vessels must adhere to the arrangements of that coastal station with regard to hours and service. Vessels of the same company can communicate amongst themselves service messages without passing them through coastal stations.

Normal international courtesies, such as flying the Turkish flag at the foremast, should be carefully adhered to by vessels while in the waters and ports of Turkey.

U.S. Navy ships will comply with U.S. Navy regulations and/or appropriate instructions.

Vessels are warned against entering Turkish territorial waters except for the purpose of calling at a port, when they should keep close to the prescribed navigational route.

Anchoring off, approaching near, and landing on the coast of Uzun Ada (38°30'N., 26°43'E.) are prohibited.

Landing is prohibited on the island of Saros Adalari (40°37'N., 26°44'E.) and along the Turkish coast between the mouths of the Kavaksuyu River (40°36.2'N., 26°49.8'E.) and the Guneyli River (40°30.7'N., 26°42.7'E.).

Landing on the islands of Bozca Ada, Tavsan Adalari, and Imbroz Adasi is subject to special authorization.

Submarine Operating Areas

Vessels are cautioned that submarines may be operating submerged in the areas described below:

Area A64

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°47.5'N, 29°34.5'E.
- b. 35°47.5'N, 30°09.5'E.
- c. 35°32.5'N, 30°09.5'E.
- d. 35°32.5'N, 29°34.5'E.

Area A65

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°59'N, 30°15'E.
- b. 35°59'N, 30°50'E.
- c. 35°45'N, 30°50'E.
- d. 36°14'N, 30°41'E.

Area A66

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°29'N, 30°41'E.
- b. 36°29'N, 31°06'E.
- c. 36°14'N, 31°06'E.
- d. 36°14'N, 30°41'E.

Area A67

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°47'N, 31°05'E.
- b. 36°37'N, 31°33'E.
- c. 36°32'N, 31°02'E.
- d. 36°26'N, 31°30'E.

Area A68

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°19'N, 31°13'E.
- b. 36°19'N, 31°50'E.
- c. 36°01'N, 31°50'E.
- d. 36°01'N, 31°13'E.

Area A69

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°56.0'N, 32°30.0'E.

- b. 35°45.0'N, 33°06.0'E.
- c. 35°37.5'N, 33°06.0'E.
- d. 35°37.5'N, 32°30.0'E.

Area A70

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°24'00"N, 34°29'30"E.
- b. 36°24'00"N, 35°05'30"E.
- c. 36°11'15"N, 35°05'30"E.
- d. 36°11'15"N, 34°29'30"E.

Area A71

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°19'N, 35°08'E.
- b. 36°19'N, 35°32'E.
- c. 36°04'N, 35°32'E.
- d. 36°04'N, 35°08'E.

Area A72

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°37.0'N, 34°31.0'E.
- b. 36°24.0'N, 34°36.0'E.
- c. 36°19.5'N, 34°11.5'E.
- d. 32°26.0'N, 34°12.0'E.
- e. 32°48.0'N, 33°51.0'E.
- f. 32°58.0'N, 34°04.0'E.
- g. 32°51.7'N, 34°45.0'E.

Area C

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 31°19.0'N, 34°00.0'E.
- b. 31°19.0'N, 34°10.0'E.
- c. 31°57.0'N, 33°15.0'E.
- d. 31°59.5'N, 34°00.5'E.
- e. 31°50.0'N, 34°55.0'E.

Area D (Shefayyim)

Area enclosed by lines joining the following positions (permanent firing practice area):

- a. 32°12.8'N, 34°41.5'E.
- b. 32°19.7'N, 34°43.8'E.
- c. 32°21.2'N, 34°41.7'E.
- d. 32°12.4'N, 34°38.8'E.

Time Zone

The Time Zone description is BRAVO (-2).

U.S. Embassy

The U.S. embassy is situated at 110 Ataturk Boulevard, Ankara.

The mailing address is PSC 93, Box 5000, Ankara, APO AE 0823. There is a Consulate General at Istanbul.